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This folder contains correspondence and other documents from 1921, along with undated items that were probably generated in 1921. Included is correspondence with the Marie Curie Radium Fund regarding Madame Curie's visit to the United States and a White House ceremony with President Harding. There are numerous items, including correspondence with the American Radiator Co., pertaining to the upkeep and repair of Glenmont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, New Jersey. A letter by Edison's personal business secretary, Richard W. Kellow, discusses the use of poison to exterminate rats infesting the citrus grove at Edison's property in Fort Myers, Florida. A series of communications, including one by Thomas Edison, relates to the discharge of Edward McMullen, an employee in the Plating Dept. of Thomas A. Edison, Inc. A letter by Caroline F. Ballentine of Port Huron, Michigan, recommends social worker and women's rights activist Bina M. West for a position on President Harding's disarmament advisory committee. Other correspondents include Emily Hammond of the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association and longtime Edison associate Frank A. Wardlaw.

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Title
[F5F12AH], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 12th, 1921

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Tinstman, Benjamin Evans

Date
1921-02-12

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Letter

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

February 12th, 1921.

Mrs. Edison :

Attached letter of February 7th from Mr. Tinstman regarding cutting down expenses at Fort Myers by discharging Nathan.

I have no doubt that the Estate is in pretty good shape and if Mr. Tinstman can save money in this way I suppose there is no objection to his doing so.

R. W. KELLOW,
Secretary

I should like to
inquire if it would
not be more
profitable to keep
Nathan and let
the Inventors go - I simply
ask for information -
I certainly do not think
no man should be
employed

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[F5F12AI], Letter from Alfred Albert Simon to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 18th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AI], Letter from Alfred Albert Simon to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 18th, 1921

Author
Simon, Alfred Albert

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Roosevelt, Theodore
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
1921-02-18

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE opinions and prejudices
- Photographs and autographs
- Religion and spirituality
- Electric battery

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St. Louis, Mo.,

February 18, 1921.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
W. Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Edison: Returns with thanks Edison send photo

A young fellow, an aspiring inventor, wants to have a signed photo. Meadowcroft

For a long time I have been trying to obtain a photograph of Mr. Edison.

Have tried thru regular channels, that is local representatives of the Phonograph Company.

Not meeting with any success I take the liberty to write direct to Mr. Edisons' home.

May I ask you to kindly send me a photograph of Mr. Edison, with his autograph, that I may hang same in my work shop.

Some how or other his pictures always give me encouragement. I have a book with newspaper clippings and photographs of Mr. Edison and when ever I feel down hearted, get out this book read over

a few articles and feel ambitious again.

I realize Mr. Edison has made many enemies by his frank statement on his religious views, but a man who has been so close to science all his life, and has spent so many hours by himself in his laboratory, has had lots of time to think over these things, and like Roosevelt expressed his views without fear.

For over two years I have been experimenting with a primary battery and so far have not made any advance over those now in use, therefore, at times a fellow feels discouraged, and then is when I would like to have a photo of Mr. Edison — to give me encouragment.

May you take this letter as being the truth and sincere, and that I will not put you to any trouble, I remain, wishing you and Mr. Edison to live a hundred years and more, and enjoy good health at all times, I am,

Very truly yours,

Alfred Albert Simon
3419 Giles Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

P.S. when Mr. Edison comes home for lunch, put the photo under his plate and I know he will put his signature on it—

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Title
[F5F12AJ], Letter from Elsie C Mead, Curie (Marie) Radium Fund to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 11th, 1921

Author

- Mead, Elsie C
- Curie (Marie) Radium Fund

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Equitable Trust Co

Date
1921-03-11

Type
Letter

Subject
Awards & honors/clubs & societies

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March 11, 1921

An important meeting of the Marie Curie Radium Fund executive committee and committee of scientists will be held at 4 p. m. Friday, March 18th, at the Equitable Trust Company, No. 37 Wall Street.

Your presence is earnestly desired.

ELSIE C. MEAD,
Secretary.

Regrets

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Title
[F5F12AK], Letter from Marie M Meloney, Curie (Marie) Radium Fund to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 12th, 1921

Author

- Meloney, Marie M
- Curie (Marie) Radium Fund

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Curie, Marie (Mrs Pierre)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Letter

Subject
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March 12, 1921

Dear Mrs. Edison:

I regretted very much that you were not able to attend the Curie Meeting yesterday. A report of that meeting will go to you.

It is difficult to fit even a small part of all the invitations that are coming into the time Madame Curie will be in this country. But we certainly wish before all other things to have her visit you and Mr. Edison and his laboratory. We are trying not to put any social strain upon Madame Curie at all. I shall let you know as soon as we can plan the dates exactly, what day Madame Curie will go to Orange. It will be, I should say, safe to figure on its coming the last week of May.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Marie M. Meloney
(Mrs. William Brown Meloney)

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
Llewellyn Park
West Orange
New Jersey

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Title
[F5F12AL], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 25th, 1921

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Rowland, George W

Date
1921-03-25

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Letter

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March 25th, 1921.

Mrs. Edison :

When the cottages at Chautauqua were torn down was an arrangement made with Mr. Rowland to sell these to wreckers ? I do not know just what your arrangement was with Mr. Rowland but if the houses were in fairly good condition, it would seem that something should have been realized as salvage when they were torn down. We have never heard anything from Mr. Rowland in this connection.

R. W. KELLOGG,

Secretary

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Title
[F5F12AM], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Parke Davis & Co, April 9th, 1921

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Parke Davis & Co

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Tinstman, Benjamin Evans

Date
1921-04-09

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Letter

Subject

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April 9th, 1921.

Parke, Davis & Company
#181 Hudson Street,
New York City.

Attention Dr. Tucker

Gentlemen :

Below is copy of report just received from caretaker on the Edison Estate at Fort Myers, Fla., relative to trial of your "Azoa" rat poison as a means of exterminating the rats that infest the citrus grove.

"In relation to "Azoa" or "Rat Virus" and its effect will state that since I received said Virus, March 9th, 1921, the directions have been promptly, strictly and continuously adhered to daily when necessary.

"The Virus has been placed in every available spot where the rodents appear to frequent, to wit; porches around the family residence; throughout the Groves, in Laboratory, porches of Cottage, under same and beneath said cottage; in Laundry and under, in poultry yard and, also in all buildings on opposite side of Boulevard.

"We have watched closely for dead rats or signs of same but, to date, the wily mischievous creatures appear to be disposed to a more strenuous activity than to a presumed disintegration; judging from their nocturnal escapades.

"Of late, we have frequently heard disturbances in the Laboratory and our investigations have found that rats were the cause. The same is true in the cottage - overhead and on the porches.

"There are times when said rats become so noisy that I am called upon to "see who is on the back or front porch" as the case requires. If this said Virus had been distributed for the purpose of infusing new life in the rats it is a very decided success, so far as our experience goes. It is now <u>one day over the 3 weeks</u> required to subdue the rodents, since you sent me the last batch of Azoa and over eight weeks since you sent other supplies of Azoa for same purpose, yet no desired results have obtained.

"It is quite evident that "a few rodents are immune, or may become so", as stated in directions. It is also quite evident that we are pestered with the immune species of rat in so far as Azoa is concerned, because, they are more numerous and energetic.

"The foregoing is the result of two months careful watching"

We had high hopes of being successful in ridding the grove of this pest, or, at least, of greatly reducing the numbers of rats. This report is very discouraging.

Have you any further suggestions to offer ?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

I should say that they should make good and charge us nothing.

Mr. T.A. Edison; Mr. T.A. Edison; Mr. B.E. Tristman

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[F5F12AN], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Alfred Albert Simon, April 22nd, 1921

Title
[F5F12AN], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Alfred Albert Simon, April 22nd, 1921

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Simon, Alfred Albert

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

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April 22, 1921.

Mr. Alfred Albert Simon,
3419 Giles Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I regret that there has been such a long delay in sending you the autographed picture of Mr. Edison. He has been so very busy the last few months that he has had no time to sign photographs. I am sending the picture by mail to-day.

Mr. Edison does not wish to make any charge; so I return your money order herewith.

Yours very truly.

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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Title
[F5F12AO], Letter from Elsie C Mead, Curie (Marie) Radium Fund to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 23rd, 1921

Author

- Mead, Elsie C
- Curie (Marie) Radium Fund

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Curie, Marie (Mrs Pierre)
- Harding, Warren Gamaliel

Date
1921-04-23

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Letter

Subject
Awards & honors/clubs & societies

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Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Edison :

Will you send me by return mail the name and address of one person besides yourself who you would like to have receive an invitation to the ceremony at the White House when President Harding presents Madame Curie with a gram of radium on May 20th ?

We must submit these names at once to the White House; therefore I make this request urgently.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie C. Mead
Secretary

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[F5F12AP], Letter from Frank Andrew Wardlaw to William Henry Meadowcroft, April 28th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AP], Letter from Frank Andrew Wardlaw to William Henry Meadowcroft, April 28th, 1921

Author
Wardlaw, Frank Andrew

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned

- Engineers Club (N.Y. City)
- Wirt, Charles Summer
- Parsell, Henry Van Arsdale
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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D 1921 Glenmont
320 Spruce St.
Richmond Hill
L.I.

April 28th 1921

Dear Mr. Meadowcroft.

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for telephoning Mr. Edison re the old clock. A beautifully worded and highly prized letter from her had already explained how the clock was going. Was out there April 15th and effected some regulation but evidently not enough, as it still has a gaining rate. Shall make another trip in a day or so, as I promised to have this work perfectly and shall keep that promise.

Dined with Charles Ford last evening at the Engineer's Club. He is far from well, and I am afraid intends to go into the Germantown Hospital for treatment. Seems very anemic and colorless, easily tired. Spent last Saturday afternoon and evening with another old friend of yours at his home 122 W. 81st St. - Mr. H. V. A. Parsell.

Extremely sorry to hear of your recent illness but equally glad to know you are back at your post, I hope fully restored.

Sincerely
J. A. Wardlaw.

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Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Wardlaw, Frank Andrew

Mentioned

- Edison Pioneers
- Wirt, Charles Summer
- Parsell, Henry Van Arsdale
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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April 30, 1921.

Mr. F. A. Wardlaw,
325 Spruce St.,
Richmond Hill, L.I.

Dear Mr. Wardlaw:

Let me extend my thanks for your letter of April 28th. I am sure that you will not let up until you have Mrs. Edison's clock going entirely to her and your satisfaction..

I am very sorry indeed to learn that Charles is not as well as he might me. I am afraid that he is probably devoting himself too extensively to his business. I saw him two weeks ago at an Executive Committee Meeting of the Edison Pioneers, and he certainly did look colorless and weak. I trust that he will get in the hands of a good doctor and receive benefit from such treatment as is given. It had slipped my mind that you and my old friend Henry Parcell were acquainted. I hadn't seen him for a long long time. Our paths ran very close together at one time, but for several years we have not seen much of each other. He is a royal good fellow, one of the really true blue kind.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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[F5F12AR], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, May 6th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AR], Letter from Richard Wesley Kellow to Thomas Alva Edison, May 6th, 1921

Author
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- American Radiator Co

Date
1921-05-06

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Engines, boilers, prime movers

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

May 6th, 1921.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison :-

With your permission just received, we have told the American Radiator Company that they may photograph the boilers in your residence.

Mr. Whitelaw, their boiler specialist, called this afternoon and asked if you would not kindly write a letter stating your experience with the boilers during last season. I promised to submit his request, though I suppose you do not usually do this.

As closely as we could estimate, the old Richardson and Boynton boiler consumed 80 tons of coal per season or a little more. The American Radiator Company gave you a guarantee in writing that the consumption of their boilers would not exceed 60 tons - a saving of 25%. You had about 20 tons of Egg coal in the cellar when the season opened and we have put in 36 tons additional, all of which has been consumed. Consumption of the new boilers was, therefore, approximately 56 tons or a little better than the guarantee. The winter, of course, was mild but I think it is a general experience that almost as much coal is consumed in a comparatively mild winter as in severe weather. These boilers have to be fired only once every 8 hours without regard to the temperature except that when the weather is very mild firing need not be done even every 8 hours.

You burned only one of the boilers during the season except for two or three days when the weather was quite cold, when the second boiler was put into service so that we might observe the conditions when both boilers were working. The house, I believe, was kept very comfortable during the entire season, with no pressure whatever showing on the steam gauge.

Are you willing to state these facts to the American Radiator Company, preferably over your own signature ?

R. W. KELLOW

Secretary

Telephoned Wm. Whitelaw 5/10/21

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[F5F12AT], Letter from L H Boarman to Richard Wesley Kellow, May 12th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AT], Letter from L H Boarman to Richard Wesley Kellow, May 12th, 1921

Author
Boarman, L H

Recipient
Kellow, Richard Wesley

Mentioned

- Insurance Company of North America
- Glenmont
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1921-05-12

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Property
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM NO. 1690

DATE May 12,1921.

EFFECTIVE

FUNCTION Mina M. Edison.

FROM L. H. Boarman, Manager,
Fire Protection and Insurance Service Dept.

TO- R. W. Kellow, Secretary,
Thomas A. Edison, Personal.

SUBJECT Full fire insurance coverage on Edison Residence,
Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J.

Clearance

Dear Mr. Kellow:-

Referring further to your Financial Memorandum No. P588 of April 21st and ours of April 22nd, No. 1601, we are now in receipt of endorsements and bills effecting $70,500.00 additional fire insurance coverage on the Edison Residence in Llewellyn Park; the distribution of increase being $13,000.00 on the dwelling and $57,500 on personal property, making a total coverage of $113,000.00 on the dwelling and $157,500.00 on the contents which in total represents 100% of the sound value as appraised by the International Appraising Company, Inc. As previously stated this insurance is free of co-insurance conditions.

The attached bills in amount of $274.06 you will note cover a new policy of the Niagara No. 12320 for $25,000.00 with a term of 3 years and time and increases of $20,500.00 and $25,000.00 respectively under policies of American-Newark and Insurance Company of North American from date of increase to expiration (8-31-23 & 10-31-21) The endorsements to be attached to all existing policies correct the sum of the items to read as now written, to which each Company will be liable on a pro-rata basis.

Upon issuance of draft in settlement kindly hand same to this Department to be forwarded.

L. H. Boarman.

L. H. Boarman
Fire Protection & Insurance Service Dept.

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ENCLOSURES.

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[F5F12AU], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 16th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AU], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 16th, 1921

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- Kellow, Richard Wesley
- Haas, Charles

Date
1921-05-16

Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Property
- Contracts and other legal concerns

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THOMAS A. EDISON, PERSONAL

Office of Secretary

File

May 16th, 1921.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison :

Attached hereto are the bills from our Insurance Brokers, Owens & Phillips, covering premium on insurance which covers both your residence and contents of same at Llewellyn Park. The bills amount to $274.06 and we will appreciate your check covering this amount so that we may send it to Owens and Phillips.

You will recall that we increased, with your approval, the amount of insurance carried on your residence and the contents of same to meet the figures as set up in the appraisal recently made by the International Appraisal Company of New York.

J. V. MILLER

J. V. Miller

Assistant Financial Executive

5/17/21 - Mrs. Edison approves both bills -

Apr. 22 — 151.09

" " 122.97

Sent to C. Haas for payment —

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[F5F12AU1], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison to American Radiator Co, May 1921

Title
[F5F12AU1], Letter from Thomas Alva Edison to American Radiator Co, May 1921

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Supplied year and month

Author
Edison, Thomas Alva

Recipient
American Radiator Co

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- Kellow, Richard Wesley

Date
1921-05-00

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Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Engines, boilers, prime movers

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AMERICAN RADIATOR COMPANY

American Radiator Company,
104 West 42nd Street,
New York City

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry concerning the operation of the two Type "A" Boilers (which replaced an old style boiler) installed in my residence, Llewellyn Park, West Orange, I would state that they have proved both satisfactory in heating efficiency and in fuel economy.

We found it necessary to use only one of the boilers the past Winter, which heated the house more efficiently than the old style boiler, besides effecting a saving of 33% in fuel.

The old boiler consumed over 80 tons of Anthracite Fuel, whereas the Type "A" Boiler required but 54 tons, or 26 tons less, or an estimated saving of $338.00.

Very truly yours,

Letter suggested by Mr. Whittlaw of A.R.Co.

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[F5F12AV], Letter from Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Assn, Emily Sloane (Mrs John H.) Hammond to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 10th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AV], Letter from Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Assn, Emily Sloane (Mrs John H.) Hammond to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 10th, 1921

Author

- Hammond, Emily Sloane (Mrs John H.)
- Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Assn

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Carnegie Hall
- Roosevelt, Theodore

Date
1921-06-10

Type
Letter

Subject
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Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association

(INCORPORATED)

National Headquarters

ONE EAST FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE, PLAZA 2020

June 10, 1921.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
"Glenmont"
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

5 tickets ordered
6/13/21

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

The Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association has taken Carnegie Hall for Thursday afternoon, October 27th for a Roosevelt Birthday Festival.

There will be several well-known speakers and over 250 girls of the Wadleigh High School will take part in an attractive pageant written by one of the teachers.

We are selling the first tier boxes for $25 and the second tier boxes for $20. The orchestra seats are $1.

As a foundation member of this Asseciation we would greatly appreciato your cooperation in disposing of as many tickets as possible.

Please signify on the enclosed blank how many you will want and they will be sent to you in September.

Cannot sell any tickets - but take 5 tickets - for myself.

Yours sincerely,

Emily V. Hammond

(Mrs. John Henry Hammond)
President

2 enclosures

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

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IN HONOR OF

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1 East 57th Street, New York

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[F5F12AW], Letter from Frank Andrew Wardlaw to William Henry Meadowcroft, June 18th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AW], Letter from Frank Andrew Wardlaw to William Henry Meadowcroft, June 18th, 1921

Author
Wardlaw, Frank Andrew

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned

- Engineers Club (N.Y. City)
- Wirt, Charles Summer
- Scheffler, Frederick Alonzo
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1921-06-18

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Letter

Subject

- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Property

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D
1921 Glenmont

CABLE ADDRESS
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ALL CODES

Turn-Auto Corporation

Singer Building - 149 Broadway
New York

June 18th 1921

My dear Mr. Meadowcroft:-

Thank you so much for your prompt reply to mine of the 16th.

In line with your suggestion I have written Mr. Edison telling her the facts as told me about the theft, or perhaps better say non-return of the little clock, intimating it might be an advisable thing to get Mr. Miller on the job. I would force the issue if I had the authority, but only know what the maid told me.

Scheffler tells me Chas. Wurt has had two transfusions of blood, and there is a strong probability of his being operated upon for cancer of the stomach, a thing I fear he will never survive. He is away in the country at present and his written Mrs. Wurt to find out about him. He's not been well for some years and when I last saw him at the Engineer's Club about 4 months ago he looked very pale.

Have not been out to Glenmont since Mr. Edison was home but called after the fishing trip, but presume all the clocks are behaving themselves. Should any of them get unruly am ready to correct them, and glad I know how to do it for the family's sake.

All good wishes to you from

Yours Sincerely

F. A. Wardlaw.

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[F5F12AX], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to William Henry Meadowcroft, June 21st, 1921

Title
[F5F12AX], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to William Henry Meadowcroft, June 21st, 1921

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1921-06-21

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Letter

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Newspapers, books, other publications

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GLENMONT, LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE

June 21st 1921

My dear Mr. Meadowcroft:

Thank you for remembering my interest in anything concerning my husband. I shall read the little pamphlet with pleasure.

Yours sincerely
Mina Miller Edison.

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Title
[F5F12AY], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Frank Andrew Wardlaw, June 21st, 1921

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Wardlaw, Frank Andrew

Mentioned
Wirt, Charles Summer

Date
1921-06-21

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June 21, 1921.

Mr. F. A. Wardlaw,
c/o-Turn-Auto Corp.,
149 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wardlaw:

Many thanks for your kind letter of June 18th. I am glad that you tought well of my suggestion in regard to the clock.

I am sincerely grieved to learn of the condition of our old friend Charles Wirt. I saw him two or three months ago, and he simply looked colorless. It is too bad that he is in such poor shape, and I sincerely hope that the doctors may be able to pull him through successfully.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,yours,

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[F5F12AZ], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to William Henry Meadowcroft, June 26th, 1921

Title
[F5F12AZ], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to William Henry Meadowcroft, June 26th, 1921

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Date
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GLENMONT, LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE

June 26th 1921

My dear Mr. Meadowcroft.

It is too bad about the Dahlias and I am sorry to say that one of my four has not matured. The other three seem to be coming on all right. I do hope that they will prove to be fine.

Thank you for the note concerning them. Perhaps we will be more successful next fall. Please bring them to my attention at that time.

Yours Sincerely
Mina Miller Edison

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[F5F12BA], Letter from Ada (Mrs Edward) McMullen to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 11th, 1921

Title
[F5F12BA], Letter from Ada (Mrs Edward) McMullen to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 11th, 1921

Author
McMullen, Ada (Mrs Edward)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry
- McMullen, Edward

Date
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Mr Edison 25 So Park Drive
West Orange

Dear Mrs Edison Who is he where he work's I am writing you for your assistance to try and have my husband reinstated in the shop. He got laid off in February not because of lack of work but a little spite, and his father as well. You know how hard it is to get employment now and we have two children

We did get about six orders from the Bureau but that is all. And ½ months rent paid that is all the relief we got so you can picture our predicament. And I thought if I wrote you, you would understand and have an interview. I will be glad to hear from you to call and see you or Mr Edison and I am sure he will be glad to understand the and effect another I do wish that you or Mr Edison would have a talk with me or Eddie and I am sure you will see how mean he and his father were treated. We are not getting along well with rent to pay and food if I were able to work it would not be so bad, but my condition prevails now.

situation. Thanking you
for your kindness, I am
Sincerely
(Mrs) Ada McMillan
Aug. 11, 1921

I will refer
this letter to Laboratory

Send this letter to
Mr. Meadowcroft.

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[F5F12BB], Letter from Frank T Ryan to Thomas Alva Edison, August 24th, 1921

Title
[F5F12BB], Letter from Frank T Ryan to Thomas Alva Edison, August 24th, 1921

Author
Ryan, Frank T

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Folsom, Neill Stuart
- McMullen, Edward

Date
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- Labor
- Disc record and duplicating technology

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August 24, 1921.

Mr. Edison:

The man referred to in the attached letter is an Edward McMullen, who worked in the Plating Department for a period of approximately five years. His work covered graphiting of masters, copper plating of masters, and general work in the Plating Department. He was laid off about six months ago. Mr. Folsom is familiar with the discharge.

Folsom

RYAN

Is he related to the other McMullan

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[F5F12BC], Letter from Neill Stuart Folsom to Thomas Alva Edison, August 25th, 1921

Title
[F5F12BC], Letter from Neill Stuart Folsom to Thomas Alva Edison, August 25th, 1921

Author
Folsom, Neill Stuart

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- McMullen, John James
- McMullen, Edward

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Mr. Edison - 8/25/21

Edward McMullen is a brother of John McMullen, who was in charge of Plating before me.

He was let go for several reasons one of which was that he was caught sleeping while on duty several times. I caught him myself twice.

Folsom.

HEET

) DELIVERIES

DATE

TOTAL

(Constant watching)
Caught sleeping
& neglected homework
not already stood away
without permission

The father could not afford
to because we had no
work for them

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[F5F12BD], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft, Thomas Alva Edison to Ada (Mrs Edward) McMullen, August 25th, 1921

Title
[F5F12BD], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft, Thomas Alva Edison to Ada (Mrs Edward) McMullen, August 25th, 1921

Editor's Notes
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Author

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
McMullen, Ada (Mrs Edward)

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
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Mrs Ada McMullen

I have inquired about your husband & find that he was laid off for following reasons which cover a long period

1st general inefficency & neglect of work

2nd Was caught asleep twice in 2 months

3 Was not a steady man as he was off duly several times without notification or permission

As to the father, he was laid off because we had no work for him

T. W. S.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

August 25, 1921.

Mrs. Ada McMullen,
25 So. Park Ave.,
W. Orange, N.J.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of August 11th to Mrs. Edison has been given to Mr. Edison, who had the case of your husband being laid off in February investigated.

The report he received is as follows:

1. General inefficiency and neglect of work.

2. Was caught sleeping twice in two months.

3. Was not a steady man, as he was off duty several times without notification or permission.

4. As to the Father, he was laid off because we had no work for him.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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[F5F12BE], Letter from Caroline Farrand Ballentine to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 13th, 1921

Title
[F5F12BE], Letter from Caroline Farrand Ballentine to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 13th, 1921

Author
Ballentine, Caroline Farrand

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Harding, Warren Gamaliel
- West, Bina M

Date
1921-09-13

Type
Letter

Subject

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- Social customs, norms, values

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Port Huron, September 13th 1921.
#2526 Military Road. Inverbey P.M.

My dear Mrs. Edison.

Yesterday afternoon, sent a telegram to Mr. Edison, at the earnest request of a company of his Port Huron friends, asking his influence in placing the name of Miss Bina West of Port Huron, Michigan, before President Harding, as a candidate for appointment on the Disarmament Board, soon to convene. Sent the message to his home, least in the pressure of communications at the office, it might not reach him so soon as

desired.

Am inclosing herewith, a clipping from paper of last evening, which gives a brief resume of Miss Wells's Miss Wells's her activities, as a true woman of her day.

Pardon the liberty in your time, but I am very anxious that a woman, a woman should receive recognition on this gathering together of the World's fairest representatives.

May the Spirit of Justice and Heavenly Wisdom overshadow the Delegates -

Most sincerely - Caroline Barnard Ballentine

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE (PHOTOCOPY)]

[PHOTOCOPY]

ENDORSING MISS WEST.

From Wisconsin comes the announcement that the women of that state are behind the plan of having a woman representative on the disarmament advisory committee and that they are backing Miss Bina M. West, of this city, for the place.

"Seven other states" said the dispatch published in this newspaper last Saturday, "have already suggested the names of Miss Bina West, of Port Huron, Michigan, head of the Women's Benefit Association, comprising more than 500,000 women members throughout the United States."

The mention of Miss West's name in this connection recalls an interview we published in this column not long ago, with a woman who represents the state of Oklahoma in congress. When asked what she thought of having a woman on this committee, she said:

"Show me a woman better equipped for the job than some man and I'll be for her."

That's good sense, too. It wouldn't be either good business or good policy to name a woman, just because of her sex, for so important a mission. But a woman whose character and record make her pre-eminently fitted for the place should most certainly have first consideration.

Miss West is just such a woman. Perhaps our enthusiasm may be stimulated a bit by the fact that she is a citizen of our city, but it should not be forgotten that the suggestion comes from Wisconsin and other states.

Miss West is a leader. She is a clear thinker. She is not carried away, as are many women, by their emotions and ideals. She is practical, has a thorough knowledge of her country's needs and would never lose sight of national interest.

As the head of the greatest women's fraternal association in the world, Miss West would give voice to the true sentiment of the womanhood of our nation. She would bring to the committee the experience of a life's work in a humane cause.

President Harding would make no mistake in selecting Miss West, not because she is a woman, but for the reason that she could take a high place in the councils of men and her natural common sense and devotion to duty would be of great value to her country.

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Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

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- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Ballentine, Caroline Farrand

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My dear Mr. Meadowcroft.

Mr. Edison received this telegram but he said that it was so foolish that he would not even answer it.

Tell your assistant in some polite form that Letter from Mrs. Ballantine.

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[F5F12BG], Letter from United States Steel Corp to William Henry Meadowcroft, November 14th, 1921

Title
[F5F12BG], Letter from United States Steel Corp to William Henry Meadowcroft, November 14th, 1921

Author
United States Steel Corp

Recipient
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Gary, Elbert Henry

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United States Steel Corporation

71 BROADWAY EMPIRE BUILDING

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

New York, November 14th, 1921.

Mr. W. H. Meadowcroft,
Thomas A. Edison Laboratory,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. Meadowcroft:

Confirming telephone conversation of this afternoon I am sending herewith, for Mrs. Edison's use, three cards for Box No. 43 at the banquet of the American Iron & Steel Institute, Hotel Commodore, on November 18th, 1921.

Very truly yours,

Geo. K. Lee

Secretary to Judge Gary.